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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed February 27, 2007, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-36 and 51-56) directed to a suturing device. Additionally, applicant elects species 1 of Group I. It is believed that claims 1-9, 12, 13, 16-18, 21, and 22 read on the design of Fig. 1 and that claims 1, 2, and 9 are generic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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